

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH GREENSBURG, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 120 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO ESTABLISH A PARK COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of South Greensburg is empowered to enact ordinances for the protection of the continuing health, safety and welfare of residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of South Greensburg has the authority to preserve the appearance and safety of all parks within the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, WITH THE FOREGOING RECITALS BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE THERETO, THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH GREENSBURG, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, HEREBY AMENDS CHAPTER 120 OF THE BOROUGH CODE AND ORDAINS AND ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

§120-9. Park Commission.

The Mayor and Council shall appoint a Park Commission of six (6) members. The Park Commission shall carry out the functions described in this chapter under the procedures established for the operation of the Park Commission.

§120-10. Powers and duties of Park Commission.

The Park Commission, at the request of Council, shall have the power and shall be required to:

- A. Prepare plans for the conservation, maintenance and development of the parks of Borough of South Greensburg and present them for consideration by the Borough Council.
- B. Maintain and keep on file records of its actions. All records and files of the Parks Commission shall be the property of and in the possession of Council.
- C. Prepare and present to Council recommendations on proposed amendments to ordinances relating to the parks.
- D. Make recommendations to the Council for capital improvement programming.
- E. Promote public interest in, and understanding of, the parks.
- F. Make recommendations to governmental, civic and private agencies and individuals as to the effectiveness of the proposals of such agencies and individuals.

- G. Review the designated Parks Map, provisions for planned park development and such other regulations governing the development of parks, and make recommendations to the Council.
- H. Perform such other acts or make such studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations imposed by this chapter.

§120-11. Membership.

All of the members of the Park Commission shall be residents of the Borough.

§120-12. Removal.

Any member of the Park Commission once qualified and appointed may be removed from office for malfeasance, misfeasance or nonfeasance or for other just cause by a majority vote of the governing body taken after the member has received fifteen (15) days' advance notice of the intent to take such a vote. A hearing shall be held in connection with the vote if the member shall request it in writing. Any appointment to fill a vacancy created by removal shall be only for the unexpired term.

§129-13. Appointment, term and vacancy.

- A. All members of the Park Commission shall be appointed by Council. The membership shall consist of at least (1) but not more than three (3) Council members. At least two (2) members shall be citizens not employed by or otherwise serving as officers of the Borough.
- B. The term of each of the members of the Commission shall be for three (3) years, or until a successor is appointed and qualified.
- C. The Chairperson of the Park Commission shall promptly notify Council concerning any membership vacancy, and such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term. If a vacancy shall occur otherwise than by expiration of term, it shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term according to the terms of this chapter. The Park Commission shall, in the case of any vacancy, nominate a replacement subject to approval by Council.

§ 120-14. Conduct of business.

The Commission shall elect its own Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and create and fill such other offices as it may determine. The Commission may make and amend bylaws and rules and regulations to govern its procedures consistent with the ordinances of the Borough and the laws of the Commonwealth. The Commission shall appoint a Secretary who will record meeting minutes and promptly provide them to Council. The Commission shall make a written report by March 1 annually of its activities to Council. Interim reports may be made as often as may be necessary, or as requested by Council.

§120-15. Administrative and technical assistance.

The Park Commission, under express authority of and approval by Council, may engage administrative and technical services provided by consultants or Borough employees to aid in carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

§120-16. Assistance.

The Park Commission may, with the express authorization and approval of Council, accept and utilize any funds, personnel or other assistance made available by Westmoreland County, the Commonwealth or the federal government or from private sources to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

§120-17. Other Commissions.

Nothing in this chapter shall supersede the authority of the Recreation Board or the Shade Tree Commission.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into an Ordinance of the Borough of South Greensburg this 13th day of October, 2014, by Council for the Borough of South Greensburg.

Borough of South Greensburg

ATTEST:

President of Council

Borough Secretary

Examined and approved this 13th day of
October, 2014.

Mayor